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INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO FOLLOW UP THE UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Letter dated 29 March 1993 from the Permanent Representative
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to inform you that the United Kingdom will host an international conference for non-governmental organizations in Manchester from 20 to 22 September 1993. The conference, entitled "Partnership for Change", will be a working conference of several hundred invited participants from local governments and communities and from the business and voluntary sectors. It will aim to promote an exchange of experience between partners in sustainable development on the practical implementation of agreements reached at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro in June 1992. The conference will focus on case study presentations and workshop sessions. Participants will be invited from around the world. The United Kingdom is anxious that non-governmental organizations from developing as well as developed countries should be represented. Representation from relevant United Nations agencies and other international bodies is also envisaged.

In addition, the Manchester City Council will host a complementary international event, the Global Forum, in June 1994 for all sectors involved with sustainable development and environment. This will be an open access event encompassing many different activities over several days.

Further inquiries on both events should be addressed to Craig Jones, Department of the Environment, EPINT Division, Romley House, 43 Marsham Street, London SW1; fax number 071 276 8861.

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I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as an official document of the Economic and Social Council.

(Signed) D. H. A. HANNAY



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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE RESUMED ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION FOR 1993

Note by the Secretariat

Item 5. Institutional arrangements to follow up the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

1. In resolution 47/191, the General Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council, at its organizational session for 1993, to set up a high-level Commission on Sustainable Development as a functional commission of the Council, in order, *inter alia*, to ensure effective follow-up of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. The Assembly also recommended that in 1993, as a transitional measure, the Commission hold a short organizational session in New York to elect the Bureau of the Commission, decide on the agenda of its first substantive session and consider all other organizational issues as might be necessary.

2. In the same resolution, the Assembly endorsed the view of the Secretary-General that a high-level advisory board on sustainable development should be established and decided that the main task of the board would be to give broad consideration to issues related to the implementation of Agenda 21 and to provide expert advice in that regard to the Secretary-General and, through him, to the Commission, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.

3. At its organizational session for 1993, the Economic and Social Council decided to establish the Commission on Sustainable Development as a functional commission of the Council; it also decided that an organizational session of the Commission should be held at Headquarters from 24 to 26 February 1993 (decision 1993/207). The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its organizational session.

4. At the same session, the Council took note of the proposals of the Secretary-General concerning the High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development, as contained in his report (E/1993/15 and Corr.1), and decided to

revert to the matter at its resumed organizational session for 1993 (decision 1993/216). The Council will have before it a note by the Secretary-General containing a further elaboration of his proposals.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its organizational session (E/1993/25)

Note by the Secretary-General on the High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development (E/1993/___)

Item 6. Elections, appointments and nominations

The Council will fill vacancies in the following bodies:

Elections

(a) Statistical Commission (E/1993/L.1)

From African States: three members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Eastern European States: one member for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Latin American and Caribbean States: one member for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Western European and other States: three members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

(b) Population Commission (E/1993/L.1)

From African States: two members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Asian States: two members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Eastern European States: one member for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Latin American and Caribbean States: two members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Western European and other States: two members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

(c) Commission on Human Rights (E/1993/L.1)

From African States: four members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Asian States: three members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Eastern European States: one member for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Latin American and Caribbean States: three members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Western European and other States: four members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

(d) Commission on the Status of Women (E/1993/L.1)

From African States: five members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Asian States: five members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Latin American and Caribbean States: three members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

(e) Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/1993/L.1)

From African States: four members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Asian States: four members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Eastern European States: three members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Latin American and Caribbean States: four members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Western European and other States: five members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

(f) Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/1993/L.1)

From African States: eight members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Asian States: four members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Eastern European States: two members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Latin American and Caribbean States: three members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Western European and other States: three members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

(g) Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/1993/L.2)

From African States: two members for a three-year term beginning on 1 August 1993;

From Asian States: three members for a three-year term beginning on 1 August 1993;

From Eastern European States: two members* for a three-year term beginning on 1 August 1993;

From Latin American and Caribbean States: one member for a three-year term beginning on 1 August 1993;

From Western European and other States: two members for a three-year term beginning on 1 August 1993;

(h) Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (E/1993/L.7)

From African States: three members for a three-year term beginning in February 1994;

From Asian States: three members for a three-year term beginning in February 1994;

From Eastern European States: one member for a three-year term beginning in February 1994;

From Latin American and Caribbean States: three members for a three-year term beginning in February 1994;

From Western European and other States: six members for a three-year term beginning in February 1994;

(i) Commission on Transnational Corporations (E/1993/L.3)

From African States: four members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

* Including the seat rotated among the five regional groups.

From Asian States: four members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994 and one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1995;

From Eastern European States: two members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Latin American and Caribbean States: three members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Western European and other States: three members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994 and one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1993;

(j) Commission on Sustainable Development (E/1993/L.1/Add.1)

From African States: four members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Asian States: three members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Eastern European States: two members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Latin American and Caribbean States: three members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Western European and other States: four members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

(k) Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (E/1993/L.4)

From African States: five members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Asian States: three members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Eastern European States: one member for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Latin American and Caribbean States: three members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Western European and other States: six members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

(l) Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes

In accordance with the criteria set out in General Assembly resolution 46/22, the members of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes are to

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be elected from the States included in lists A to E of appendix A to the report of the Committee on the work of its first special session. The seven vacancies will be filled by members elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994, according to the following pattern:

- (i) One member from the States included in list A;
- (ii) Two members from the States included in list B;
- (iii) One member from the States included in list C;
- (iv) Three members from the States included in list D;

Appointments

- (m) Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/1993/19)

From African States: one member for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Asian States: one member for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Western European and other States: one member for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

Nominations

- (n) World Food Council (E/1993/L.6)

From African States: three members to be nominated by the Economic and Social Council and elected by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Asian States: three members to be nominated by the Economic and Social Council and elected by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Eastern European States: one member to be nominated by the Economic and Social Council and elected by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Latin American and Caribbean States: two members to be nominated by the Economic and Social Council and elected by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Western European and other States: three members to be nominated by the Economic and Social Council and elected by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

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(o) Committee for Programme and Coordination (E/1993/L.5)

From African States: four members to be nominated by the Economic and Social Council and elected by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Asian States: four members to be nominated by the Economic and Social Council and elected by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Eastern European States: three members to be nominated by the Economic and Social Council and elected by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Latin American and Caribbean States: four members to be nominated by the Economic and Social Council and elected by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994;

From Western European and other States: five members to be nominated by the Economic and Social Council and elected by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994.
